

In the Claims:

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Claim 3 (thrice amended). The configuration according to claim 2, wherein said latching device comprises a mushroom-shaped latching element disposed on one of said half-shells and a corresponding latching cylinder disposed on another one of said half-shells.

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Claim 5 (4 times amended). The configuration according to claim 1, wherein said two half-shells are first and second half-shells, said first half-shell having said inner contour, said second half-shell having a region corresponding to said inner contour, said latching device comprising a latching opening and a corresponding latching web, said latching opening being disposed within said inner contour of said first half-shell and said latching web being disposed in said region of said second half-shell, and a mushroom-shaped latching element disposed on said first half-shells and a corresponding latching cylinder disposed on said second half-shells.

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Claim 12 (thrice amended). The configuration according to claim 11, wherein one of said two half-shells has an inner contour, and said heat-expansible element is retained around said inner contour.

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Claim 13 (amended). The configuration according to claim 1,
wherein said free gap is bounded inwardly by said heat-
expansible element disposed around said inner contour.
